FATE OF RIDER PLEASES

Ralph Peters, president of the Long Island Railroad and chairman of the ommittee on Railway Mail Pay directly representing 264 leading railroad companies, addressed the following letter vesterday to all railroads carrying the United States mail and the parcel post:

"The Senate of the United States acted most wisely and justly in declining to pass the post office appropriation bill carrying Representative Moon's railway mail pay 'rider' which provided a new system of rates on the so-called space basis' of payment.

"The stand of the Senate against this measure was simply a stand against an almost undisguised effort at confiscation such as was never before attempted in the Congress of the United States.

"The enactment of the Moon 'rider would have clothed the Postmaster General with autocratic and unbridled power to reduce railway mail pay at will; to fix rates even lower than those which were called 'absolutely confiscatory' by a joint committee of Congress, and, finally, to compel the carriage of the mails and the parcel post at such

important of all the appropriation measures, carrying \$325,000,000—failed of passage, thus necessitating emergency legislation in the last moments of the session, is due solely to the refusal of Representative Moon and his associates to permit the withdrawal of the 'rider' after it had become perfectly clear that the Senate would not be a party to con-

"In consequence of Chairman Moon's unyielding attitude a situation has been created which has not been paralleled in a generation and which may unfortunately hamper the tree tiens of the Post Office Department . The coming fiscal year.

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President Peters then controverted a published statement by Chairman Moon that the inquiry upon which his rider was based had cost the Government to have been only \$55,983.76, and emphasized the fart that the railroads themselves had borne the railroads themselves had borne the labor of compiling the information at the railroads themselves had borne the labor of compiling the information at a cost to them of approximately a quarter of a million dollars. His letter continues:

"In this letter to Postmaster-General"

William Necker of Union Hill, who calls himself the "worldwide known and success for the proposition and are oppropriation over the manning of sales in the proposition over the manning of the proposition and are oppropriately a statement last night denying every that the financial continues is to five the companied to have been only \$55,983.76, and emphasized the fart that the financial continues is to the court of Chancery for the appointment of a receiver for the corporation of the Western Pacific put it that the Government already has taken over the Western Pacific put it that the Government already has taken over the Western Pacific put it that the Government already has taken over the Western Pacific put it that the Government already has taken over the Western Pacific put it that the Government already has taken over the Western Pacific put it that the Government already has taken over the Western Pacific put it that the Government already has taken over the Western Pacific put it that the Government already has taken over the proposition over the manning of trains so as to do justice between the public, the trainmen and those charged with the management of the roads, the function over the manning of the manning of the railroads will welcome it.

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"In his letter to Postmaster-General the funds of the stockholders," he said.

Burleson, regarding the failure of the post office appropriation bill. Chairman at the same time I wish to state that I am under bonds as treasurer and "The railroads are charging the Gov. president of the corporat

"The railroads are charging the Government twice as much as they charge the express companies."

"This extravagant and many times refuted assertion was made in the face of the Joint Congressional Committees authoritative finding on the subject."

"The committee said:

"Certainly there is no warrant in the off repeated assertion that the Government is being robbed in its mail pay ments by comparison with what the express companies pay. There has been an amazing amount of reckless assertion on this subject."

Mr. Peters testifies to the fair treatment of the roads before the Joint Congressional Committee on Kailway Mail Pay and the Senate Post Office Committee, but says that the House Post Office Committee, under the chairmanship of Representative Moon, refused to rush its measure through Congress before the Joint Congressional Committee, but says that the House Post Office Committee, under the chairmanship of Representative Moon, refused to rush its measure through Congressional Committee, but says that the House Post Office Committee, but says that the House Post Office Committee, under the chairmanship of Representative Moon, refused to rush its measure through Congressional Committee had time to report."

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"The press of the country." combines the letter, "has with practical in refinity advocated fair play for the railroads in the matter of compensation for carrying the mails, especially since the parcel post has so greatly increased their burden.

\$169,725.55. This report shows that I had done a gross amount of business of \$42.6.728.37, and made a net profit from operations of \$44.353.52, and that I conducted 4.\$20 funerals during the year 1913.

"On January I, 1915, I employed burden.

burden.

"The American people, it is quite evident, like to pay their just dehts and resent being shown how to repudiate them Many boards of trade, chambers of commerce and other organizations of business men throughout the country have, after most careful study of the subject, condemned the Moon bill, or reject, condemned the Moon bill, or reject that measure, but to take affirmative action toward remedying the long standing underpayment of the rail roads for carrying the mails and the parcel post.

Charles N. Perry, a public certified accountant, formerly in charge of the Audit Company of 165 Brondway. New York, and his report shows total assets of \$567,115,93, with a surplus of \$297.

358.22. This statement also shows a net profit from operations of \$43,000.

"I also wish to state that the six stockholders who applied to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed, hold jointly about \$4,000 worth of our stock and every one of them have received their dividend checks, which have been cashed at the First National Bank town of Union, N. J.

"Most of the trouble I have had dur-

roads for carrying the mails and the parcel post.

"Despite the outcome of his recent efforts, resulting in the failure of the postal appropriation bid, Chairman Moon has announced that he intends to introduce his railway mail pay measure again in the next Congress.

"We stand by our original recommendations, namely:

"1. That the present law be retained, but reenforced by requiring an annual and simultaneous weighing of the mail on all railroads for a period of not less than thirty-live days, with readjustment than thirty-live days, with readjustment of the pay accordingly.

Town of Union, N. J.

"Most of the trouble I have had during the lass three months has been brought about by my competitors and articles published in their trade journals. A short time ago a complaint was made to the Federal authorities that I was using the mails for defrauding purposes. Postmaster John Merritt of Union Hill came to my other and made everything else appertaining to the business and plant. He left without finding any fault.

"Shortly thereafter a complaint was made to the Bronx Grand Jury. I accordingly. of the pay accordingly.

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"2. That the apartment post office cars made to the Bronx Grand Jury. be paid for on a pro rata basis of the payments for the full post office cars.

"3. That the Post Office Departmen be required to carry the mails between statements for inspection. After five or railroad stations and post offices—a sersix days I was told to take the books vice which is no part of the duty of and go back to Jersey railroad transportation."

RESENTS POLICE ACTIVITY. \$10,000 Alleged Wire Tapping Loss

When Edward Cameron, 31, living at the Hotel Martinique, was held in \$10,000 ball by Magistrate Appleton in the Tombs police court yesterday for examination on Priday, charged with attempted grand larceny, a clerk had difficulty in getting atto A. Hillgeman, a retired brewer of Rhinelander, Wis, who is said to have lost \$10.000 through Cameron by a wiretapping game in Havana, to sign the complaint against him.

From what Hillgeman said to the clerk he considered Cameron a very good friend and the police interfering busybodies, who had deprived him of \$40,000. en Edward Cameron, 31, living at

share of winnings amounting to \$65.-10. which Cameron was alleged to have sea and was interested in civic affairs said would be paid in this city.

BEGINS NEW FIGHT 29TH U. S. INFANTRY MARCHES WITH NEW ARMY PACK; WAR LESSON IS SEEN OPPOSE POLICE BILL FOR SECURED DEBT LAW FOR JUST MAIL PAY



Soldiers of the Twenty-ninth Infantry, U. S. A., going out to the transport Buford, which will take them to with of fustained charges. Panama.

Before sailing on the United States fine any railroad company \$3,090 a day for a refusal to perform service on the isometers concerned by the Postmaster-General.

The softical capacity as chairman of the Bouse of Representatives Postmaster-General Committee Congressian Moon publicly said that the Post Office Committee Congressian Moon publicly said that the Post Office to utilize this power by compelling the railroads to carry one pareit post for practically nothing, thus reducing their compensation \$8,000,000 a year, and so averting an impending Post Office deficit.

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Christopher Marsden, who is now on the

when the war broke out.

"That the post office bill—the most UNDERTAKER ISSUES SPRECKELS TO SEE BANKERS.

REPLY TO CHARGES

The proposition of the State of Calias a State owned and operated rathroad Railroads of Pennsylvania and New William Necker Denies He will be discussed by Rudolph Spreckels Jersey working for the repeal of the funaccording to expectations in Wall Street of the railroads by Gov. Fielder in the No Reduction Made-Lehigh Valvesterday. Mr. Spreckels was expected to arrive in New York yesterday after-

Commissioner.

ALBANY, March 17.—Mayor Mitchel, through Edward J. McGoldrick, Assistant Corporation Counsel, opposed before the Senate Cities Committee to-day the bill introduced by Senator Robert R. Lawson, Republican, Kipgs, transfering from Mayor Mitchel to the New York Board of Estimate and Apportionment the power to appoint the New York city Police Commissioner.

Not even Senator Lawson spoke in favor of this provision of the bill, but other provisions were favored by William B. Ellison, attorney for the various policemen's protective associations. He likewise apposed taking the power of appointing the Police Commissioner.

Mr. Ellison said that he thought the Mayor is doing the best that he can with the police situation.

"This bill should be redrafted so as a continuent the power of appointing the "This is a bill to put an end to the police State and the cost of preliminary printing."

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with the police situation.

"This bill should be redrafted so as to continue the power of appointing the commissioner with the Mayor," said Mr. Ellison, "giving retirement after twenty years without regard to the fifty-five year limitation, permit a policeman awaiting trial to have his salary if he is not dismissed or found guilty of a lesser offence than charged, and to protect police officials from being demoted with off functional fields of the confiscatory rate in the commissioner with the Mayor," said Mr. Ellison, "giving retirement after twenty years without regard to the fifty-five year limitation, permit a policeman awaiting trial to have his salary if he is not dismissed or found guilty of a lesser offence than charged, and to protect police officials from being demoted with off functions, N. J. a New York broker, law, but who recognize its confiscatory rate law, but who recognize its confiscatory rate law, but who recognize its confiscatory rate and are loath to enforce it. This bill substitutes for the confiscatory rate as small, reasonable, annual one, which in the County Court before Judge Platt

cially appointed to investigate the question of railway mail pay reported only last summer after two years of study that in all fairness the compensation of the railroads should be increased and not diminished.

Cost Passage of Bill.

On board the Buford. They assembled to confuse the proceedings with the remaining battalion from Governors Island at the Battery and formed into column with an escort composed of detachments of regulars and not diminished.

A luncheon was given subsequently at the Union League Club at which formed into column with an escort composed of detachments of regulars and not diminished.

Mineria, L. I., March 17.—A jury in the Supreme Court this morning handed to confuse the proceedings with the regular St. Patrick's day parade, were for allway mail pay reported only formed into column with an escort composed of detachments of regulars and formed into column with an escort composed of detachments of regulars and fine physique of the men, and especially by the family formed into column with an escort composed of detachments of regulars and fine physique of the men, and especially by the family formed into column with an escort composed of detachments of regulars and fine physique of the men, and especially by the family formed into column with an escort composed by the sample of the Union League Club at which are the Union League Club at the Union League Club at which formed into column with an escort composed by the sample of the many family for divorce and fine physique of the formed into column with an escort composed by the sample of the formed into column with an escort composed by the sample of the formed into column scannel with the forest of the formed into column scannel with the formed into column ng a 600 foot seawall around Pontico he Tatum estate at Great Neck, fo pullding a macadam road on the prop and for grading. Tatum refuse at the wall was built in the wrong ace and that the macadam road was t laid according to his instructions.

READING DIVIDEND STANDS.

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The directors of both the Reading an moon. No conferences were held yester- and fairer method than the one proposed the Lehigh Valley railroads declared the

MAYOR AND ELLISON SUBSTITUTE IS URGED Just taking steps to secure such laws, after many previous attempts."

ALBANY, March 17 .- Assemblyman URGE EARLY RETIREMENT Landon has introduced a bill placing Would Stop Joy Rides in State an annual four mill tax on intangible securities, including the securities now

Leon sanders, representing a citizens committee interested in police affairs, favored a police board of three members, one to be appointed by the Mayor and one by each of the two Appellate Divisions.

As unsit resisonable, annual one, which is the County Court before Judge Plait this morning. It developed that J. H. Sherrard, who was proprietor of the hotel at the time Divisions.

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Commissioner.

New Bill Places Annual Four Mill Tax on Intangible Securities.

New Bill Places Annual Four Those who spoke against the bill included the Rev. O. R. Miller of the New York Civic League, W. Dempster Chase, representing the New York State Sabbath Association, and the Rev. Dr. W. P. Swartz of New York, secretary of the New York Sabbath Committee. A letter

Automobiles.

George T. Kies, secretary of the Civil dorsement of the leading economists and could not be reached. District At throughout the country, and follows torney Weeks and Assistant District At similar laws no in force in Maryland. Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Rhode Is- and the case went over to March 25 land, North Dakota and Iowa. Massa- Edward S. Morris and George C. An chusetts. New Hampshire and Maine are drews represented Mr. Darling

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